MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*) : In one lump.

Labour Strikes.

132. *MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the frequent labour strikes that take place in the various coir factories at Alleppey and in other factories in the State; and

(*b*) if so, whether they have taken any and what steps to prevent such unpleasant incidents?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer furnished to interpellation No. 320 asked by Mr. K. Kunjukrishna Pillai published in the proceedings of the Assembly, dated the 28th May 1934.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know from the member whether they are now considering any scheme of labour legislation, whether they have in hand any measure of labour legislation?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): None.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know the reasou?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The need is not felt.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know from the member whether the Government are aware that some kind of labour legislation will remedy the constant labour strikes?

PRESIDENT: It is a matter of opinion.

Productive Industries.

133. *MR. M. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state what steps they propose to take for encouraging and increasing productive industries in the State?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): The opening of a Rubber Factory at Trivandrum has been sanctioned. The buildings for the factory are nearing completion and the required machinery has been ordered for, and it is expected that the factory will commence work from March next. A Government Trade Agent has been appointed to find out markets for the Travancore products. A scheme for starting a China clay refining factory and another for the establishment of a porcelain factory in the State are under the consideration of Government. It is arranged to conduct a survey of cottage industries in the State and the Director of Industries has been asked to submit a detailed scheme for the same. With the completion of the Pallivasal Hydro-Electro Scheme, when cheap electric power will be available, several other industries will crop up.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): With regard to the sentence occuring in the reply "A Government Trade Agent has been

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